Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration using a network connecting a scanner, a portal server, and a receiver, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a written record of a transaction, which record includes machine-readable code identifying at least the transaction and a link to a database containing records of the transaction and accessible from the network via the portal server;

scanning said machine-readable code on the written record using the scanner;

storing the machine-readable code in a memory;

extracting link information from the machine-readable code stored in the memory;

optionally obtaining and storing a user input information;

sending the stored link information and information identifying the user to the portal server via the network.

receiving the said link information and the information identifying the user at the portal server;

applying at least said link information to a link table at the portal server in order to identify a network address of the database containing records of the transaction;

directing the user from the portal server to the identified network address; and

accessing the records of the transaction in the said database.

22. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, which comprises downloading from the database to the receiver the records of the transaction.

23. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, wherein the written record is a receipt, and which comprises importing the downloaded records into an expense accounting system.

24. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, which comprises automatically transferring funds to pay a debt created by the transaction.

25. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 21, which comprises appending information identifying the user to the database.

26. (original) A method of commercial administration according to claim 25, wherein the transaction is a sale, and the database contains product and purchaser information.

27. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration according to claim 25 26, which comprises using the product and purchaser information for warranty administration.

28. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration according to claims ~~25~~ 26, which comprises using the product and purchaser information for maintenance contract administration.

29. (currently amended) A method of commercial administration according to claim ~~25~~ 26, which comprises using the product and purchaser information for the supply of upgrades.

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